

## Transportation Advisory Committee

May 10, 2017, 7:15 pm to 9:30 pm, Town Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conf. room

Present: Bill Copithorne, Seth Federspiel, Chuck Giroux, Mike Gordon, Pam Heidell, Melissa Laube, Jeff Maxtutis, Marjorie Moores, Howard Muise, Corey Rateau, Scott Smith, Laura Wiener  
Missing members: Wayne Chouinard, Victor Rivas, Brian Kmetz,  
Non-Members Present: Jack Hurd, Ed Tremblay

**Administration.** Minutes of 4/12/17 approved unanimously. Other handouts were reviewed.

**Lake Street Signal Design Group.** Jeff reported that this group had its first meeting, which also included TAC members Corey and Wayne. The group was chaired by Wayne. The group agreed to have traffic consultant Jason Sobel, who worked on the project last year, come in. The next meeting is 5/15. Jack Hurd asked about the schedule. Jeff replied that there is no schedule yet. Design should be done by the end of the year. There is no funding in place. Town Meeting could possibly vote on funding next spring.

**Public Comments.** Jack Hurd talked about traffic issue in Kelwin Manor. Corey noted that the Town doesn't have the manpower to monitor all the restrictions that neighbors want. Barriers have been proposed for Princeton Road and Spy Pond Parkway that have not yet been installed.

### **Town Issues.**

- Laura reported that Town Meeting adopted the Parking Benefits District. PIGC is expected to be designated by the Selectmen to oversee the District and make funding decisions. The Town submitted a proposal for a pilot project to look at Bus Rapid Transit on Mass. Ave.
- Bill reported that the Arlington Center Safe Travel Project is expected to be up and running on May 26. Waiting for Bike detector and pedestrian activation.
- Corey noted that he is working on a Pedestrian Safety event at the Council on Aging for June 22. He is discussing with Ali Carter, Economic Development Coordinator, and Arlington Center merchants, possibly locating a loading zone in Arlington Center.

**Nominating Committee.** Scott will chair. If anyone is interested in having a leadership role, contact Scott.

**Residences at Alewife.** Working Group met to look at traffic study. Not a large impact on traffic in Arlington. City of Cambridge said they would monitor, but there are no provisions for mitigation if traffic exceeds expectations. Howard presented a draft memo for the ARB. Voted unanimously to endorse memo.

**Parking in Arlington Center.** Howard is overseeing parking counts this Saturday and next Thursday for PIGC. Looking to find out if there are changes in parking availability on the street and in the lots as a result of meters.

**Paul Revere Road.** Pedestrian counts were done at Paul Revere and Sutherland Roads. They did not come up with a very big number but will redo the counts on a day with better weather.

**Safe Pedestrian Access at Bus Stops.** MBTA sent a letter requesting Town comments on 5 bus stops that are going to be improved and made accessible. The stops are not necessarily ones with high boardings, but generally have no landings. Melissa, Howard and Scott will look at their bus lines for ridership and deficiencies. Melissa will prepare a memo to the MBTA commenting on the plans for the 5 stops.

**School Zones.** Marjorie is working on a sign plan for Ottoson, Brackett, and Gibbs Schools. Next step is to send a memo to DPW, Corey, and cc. the Selectmen with recommendations.

**Flags.** Orvis/Mass. Ave. intersection needs more flags. Corey will drop off some at that location. There was a new request for flags at Varnum/Mass. Ave. Scott will see if location meets guidelines.

**Highland and High Haith.** Bollard has disappeared. Bill will talk to Highway Division to get it replaced.

**Bike Share.** Vision 2020 survey results show that about 50% of respondents would be interested in using a bike share. Locations being discussed are Arlington Center, Arlington Heights, and Lake Street. Brookline and Somerville are still negotiating with Motivate.

**Adjourned** at 9:25PM.

- Meeting Materials:
  - Meeting Packet for May: Agenda 5/10/17; Minutes of 4/12/17; Individual Action List 5/10/17; Project List 5/10/17.
  - Memo to TAC from Wayne Chouinard, TAC Update Items, May 10, 2017
  - Memo to Arlington Redevelopment Board from TAC Re. Residences at Alewife Station, May 10, 2017.